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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Bingo - Prizes and Hours of Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing in Charles County certain limits on prize money for  
4 bingo; limiting the hours of bingo operations in a certain way; and generally  
5 relating to bingo in Charles County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Criminal Law  
8 Section 13-1109  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2002 Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Criminal Law**

14 13-1109.

15 (a) A fundraising organization or educational organization may conduct bingo  
16 either for the benefit of charity in the county or to further the purposes of the  
17 organization.

18 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a fundraising organization or  
19 educational organization may award money or merchandise as a prize in a bingo  
20 game.

21 (c) (1) A fundraising organization or educational organization may not  
22 award a money prize exceeding [\$1,000] \$5,000 to any player in a bingo game.

23 (2) A fundraising organization or educational organization may not  
24 award more than [\$5,000] \$10,000 in total money prizes in a single day.

25 (d) A fundraising organization or educational organization may not conduct  
26 bingo at one location on more than:

1           (1)     4 HOURS ON ANY 4 days in a 7-day period; or

2           (2)     3 consecutive days.

3     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 June 1, 2003.